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Ex-Mutants: Spawned by radioactive and biological weapons unleashed in World War Three, five carefully chosen mutants—Angela, Belushi, Erin, Lorelei, and Vikki—were transformed by Dr. Emmanuel Cugat back into genotypical humans. Dubbed the Ex-Mutants, they became legends in their own time—until Doctor Cugat was driven insane. Trapping his creations in their original capsules, Cugat triggered a left-over Soviet warhead in an attempt to kill himself as well as the Ex-Mutants.

Unknown to Cugat, however, the warhead contained an experimental Dimensional Bomb, a device designed to tear the very fabric of reality around its target. The Ex-Mutants and Doctor Cugat were plunged into different realities: the Ex-Mutants to the pleasant land of Samora and Dr. Cugat to the hellish dimension of Acernarnia.

Returning with an army of grotesque monsters, Dr. Cugat, along with the evil Samoran Dhalgren, are now determined to utterly destroy the Ex-Mutants!

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YAWN!
MORNING ALREADY?

OH... STILL STIFF.

I WONDER HOW ERIN'S DOING? SHE'S BEEN SO DEPRESSED SINCE BARON WASTELAND DIED.
I HAD NO IDEA SHE'D GOTTEN SO ATTACHED TO HIM... BUT MAYBE WE ALL MISJUDGED THE BARON.

YAWN!
MUSCLES STIFF AND I CAN'T STOP YAWNING... I WAS OUT AWFULLY LATE WITH THOSE ACROBATS.

COME TO THINK OF IT, MAYBE I'M STIFF BECAUSE OF THOSE ACROBATS.
WE HAD A PRETTY GOOD TIME, ONCE WE GAVE BELUSHI THE SLIP...

TOP O' THE MORNING TO YA!
GNAT!!

GET OUT OF HERE! I DON'T HAVE MY FACE ON YET.
WHO'S LOOKING AT YOUR FACE?

WHY, YOU--!
BOUND!
BOUND!
HEY! TAKE IT EASY!

I'M HERE TO COLLECT THAT FAVOR YOU OWE ME.*
OH...
YOU DO REMEMBER THAT FAVOR, DON'T YOU?
*LAST ISSUE.

MEET ME AT THIS ADDRESS IN AN HOUR...

...AND COME ALONE!
VIKKI, GIRL... WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOURSELF INTO?
69 REDLIGHT AVENUE

LATER...
69 REDLIGHT AVENUE
THIS IS THE PLACE.
WIN YOUR WEIGHT IN BEER!
AMATEUR NIGHT AT THE REDLIGHT AUDITO
HELLO...?
I KNOW THE GNAT'S UP TO NO GOOD, BUT A PROMISE IS A PROMISE.
WHO'S THERE?!
SKRITCH.
IS THERE ANYBODY HERE?
C'MON-- THIS ISN'T FUNNY!

GOTCHA!!
WHAT...?!
SLEEPER HOLD! SLEEPER HOLD!
THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR GAME IS, GNAT...
...BUT I'M NOT PLAYING!
AW--YOU THROW LIKE A GIRL!

BWOOOO
I'M OFF THE ROPES!
BWOiNG!
BULLSEYE!
SQUID HOLD!
SQUID HOLD!
SMAK!
HEY!
YOU REALLY HIT ME. THAT'S NOT THE IDEA!
AUDITORIUM LIGHTS
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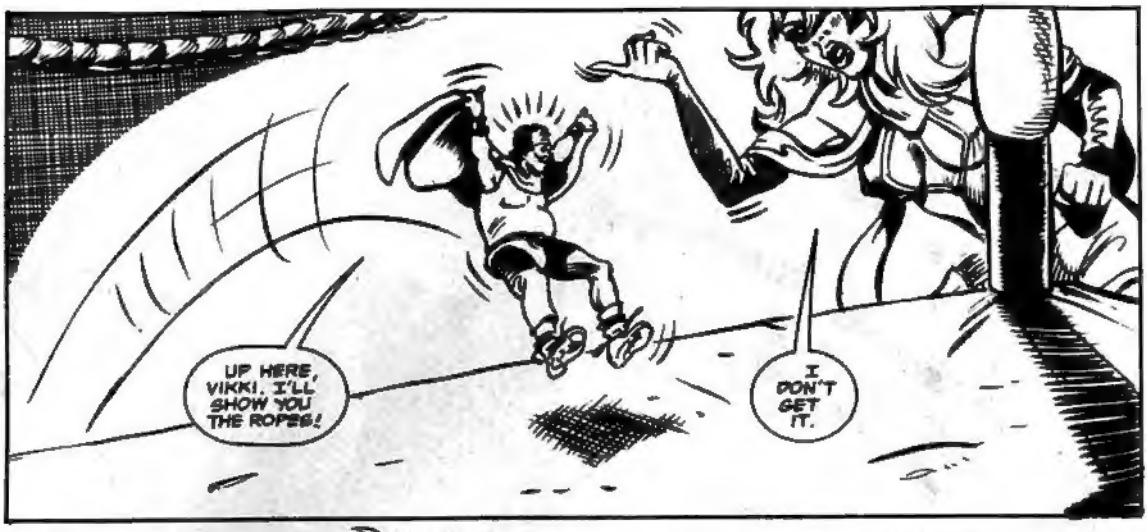
MORON OPERA
TONITE
YOU GOTTA HAM IT UP A LITTLE. THE CROWD WON'T CATCH ANY OF YOUR SUBTLE STUFF!


UP HERE, VIKKI. I'LL SHOW YOU THE ROPES!
I DON'T GET IT.

FIRST YOU JUMP ME, AND NOW--
I HAD TO SEE YOUR BEST STUFF. WRESTLING IS HARD WORK.

WRESTLING? WHO'S WRESTLING?
YOU ARE.

ME?
BUT I THOUGHT WRESTLING WAS FAKE.
GA-YAH YA!
DON'T SAY THE F-WORD!!

WELL... ISN'T IT?
THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE.

LISTEN-- DO YOU LIKE GODZILLA MOVIES?
NO.
FIGURES. WELL, LOTS OF PEOPLE DO LIKE THEM, WHATEVER YOU THINK.

THERE'S NOTHING MORE FAKE THAN A GODZILLA MOVIE. NOT FOR A SECOND ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE GODZILLA IS REAL. IT'S JUST SOME JAPANESE GUY IN A RUBBER SUIT, RIGHT?

WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH WRESTLING?
EVERY-THING!
YOU SAY WRESTLING IS FAKE--LIKE THAT'S SOME BIG INTELLECTUAL BULLETIN! YOU THINK ANYBODY REALLY BELIEVES THIS STUFF?

OF COURSE WRESTLING LOOKS RIDICULOUS--IT'S SUPPOSED TO. BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT ANY LESS ENTERTAINING.

WRESTLING IS GREAT! IT'S WHAT YOU WATCH WHEN THE THREE STOOGES AREN'T ENOUGH!
IT'S RAW DRAMA. IT'S A MORALITY PLAY. IT'S MORON OPERA!!
I THINK IT'S STUPID.

TOO BAD. YOU'RE STILL GOING TO WRESTLE.
DO I HAVE A CHOICE?
SURE!

WE COULD MMMMM...

I'LL WRESTLE.

THE MEN IN BLACK

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THEY'RE FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

THEY'RE HERE TO HELP.

SORT OF.

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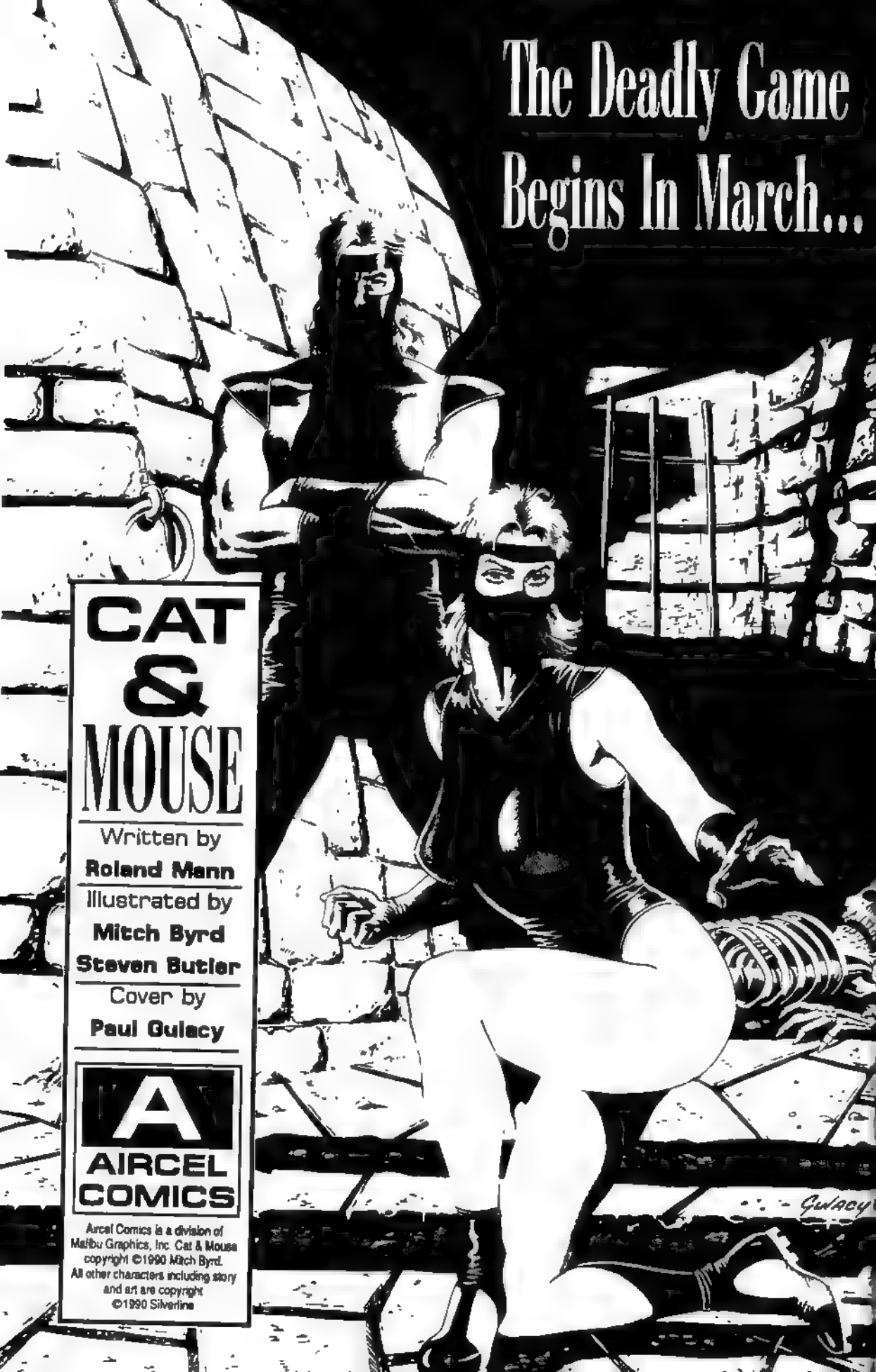
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Begins In March...
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GULACY

GREAT! THERE'S NOT MUCH I CAN SHOW YOU, ON ACCOUNT OF YOUR BEING SO TALL.

--BUT I'VE SEEN YOU IN ACTION, AND I KNOW YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT STUFF.

JUST FIGHT THE WAY YOU ALWAYS DO, BUT TRY TO SPIFF IT UP A LITTLE. YOU KNOW--PLAY IT BROAD. MAKE SURE THE MUTIES IN THE LAST ROW KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

AND TRY TO REMEMBER THAT *CLOSER* I SHOWED YOU.

CLOSER?

SURE! THE *SQUID HOLD!* IT'S A REAL CROWD-PLEASER... AND WITH YOUR LONG LEGS, YOU'LL REALLY CRACK SOME OYSTERS!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS...

COME ON, VIKKI--A PROMISE IS A PROMISE JUST SHOW UP TONIGHT AND I'LL HANDLE THE REST.

I HAVE A DATE WITH BELUSH! TONIGHT. I CAN'T STAND HIM UP TWO NIGHTS IN A ROW!

BRING HIM ALONG. HE'LL *LOVE* IT.

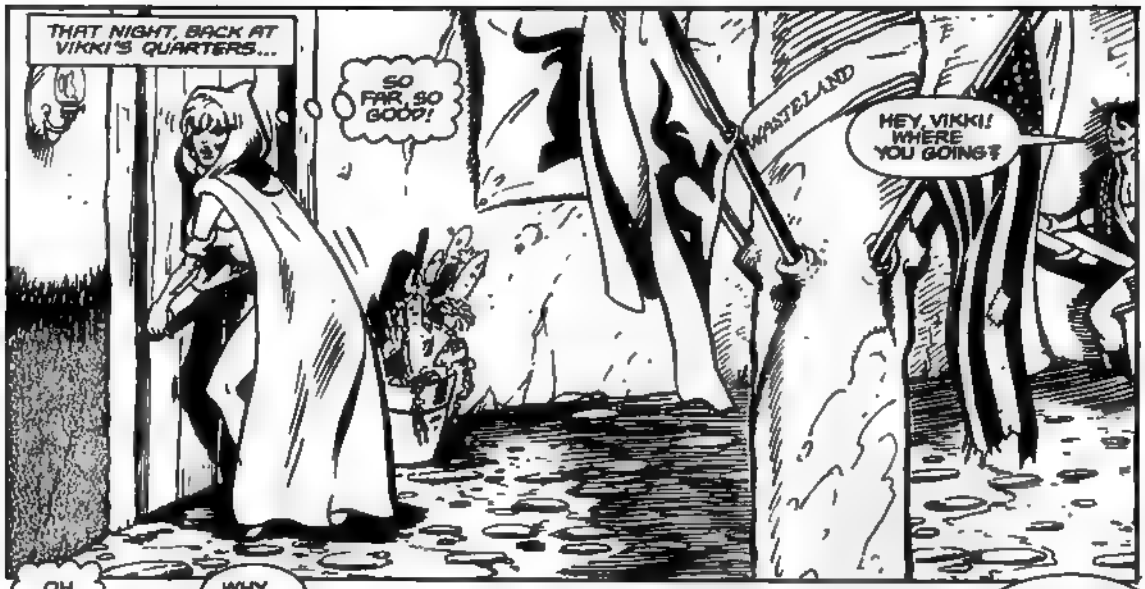
ARE YOU KIDDING? I COULDN'T BEAR TO HAVE ANYONE I KNOW WATCH ME.

WELL, THAT'S *YOUR* PROBLEM, SO THINK OF SOMETHING!

THE MATCH STARTS AT NINE--DON'T BE LATE!

EXIT

EXCELLENT... IF THE *REST* OF MY *PLAN* GOES SO WELL, I'LL BE *SWIMMING IN BEER* BY MIDNIGHT!!


THAT NIGHT, BACK AT VIKKI'S QUARTERS...
SO FAR, SO GOOD!
WASTELAND
HEY, VIKKI! WHERE YOU GOING?

OH NO!
WHY... BLU?
ARE YOU GOING OUT? YOU HAVEN'T FORGOT ABOUT OUR DATE, HAVE YOU?

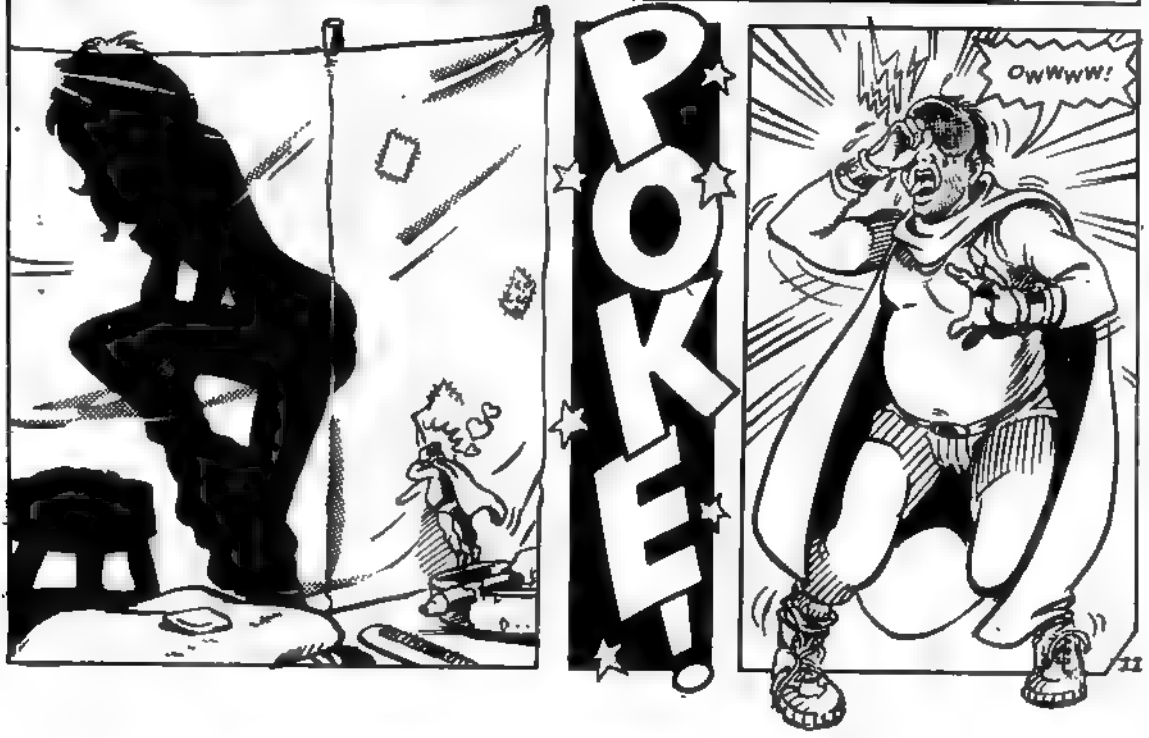
I GOING OUT WITH... ANGELA.
NO YOU'RE NOT--I SAW HER LEAVING ON MY WAY UP.

UH... I'VE GOT TO VISIT A *SICK* FRIEND.
YOU'RE NOT GETTING OFF THAT EASY-- I BET YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THOSE ACROBATS AGAIN!!

CAN'T EXPLAIN NOW, BLU... WE'LL GO OUT TOMORROW, I PROMISE!!
OH NO YOU DON'T--YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY FROM ME *THAT* EASY!

ONE BREATHLESS DASH ACROSS TOWN LATER...
AM I LATE?
LATE? YOU'RE DECEASED!!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!

I GOT HUNG UP...
SAVE THE EXCUSES. THERE'S STILL TIME.
GET BACK THERE AND CHANGE.


POKE!
OWWWW!

OH, GNAT--YOU REALLY CAN'T BE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS OUTFIT!
I AM SOOOO EMBARRASSED.
AAAAAHH!!
NO WAY! NO WAY WILL I GO THROUGH WITH THIS!!
RELAX, KID--YOU LOOK GREAT!
YOU'VE GOTTA DO IT! IT'S TOO LATE TO BACK OUT NOW!!
HERE...
WEAR THIS MASK, AND NO ONE WILL KNOW WHO YOU ARE!
NOW JUST TRY TO BE NATURAL OUT THERE, AND GIVE THE FOLKS THEIR MONEY'S WORTH.
PERFECT.
ACCESSORIES REALLY DO MAKE THE OUTFIT.

MEANWHILE, IN THE CROWDED ARENA OUTSIDE THE DRESSING ROOM...

LAY-DEEZ AND GENTLEMEN, CHILDREN AND MUTIES--

EATS

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE RED LIGHT AUDITORIUM WISHES TO APOLOGIZE FOR THIS DELAY--

BUT OUR AMATEUR NIGHT BOUT IS ABOUT TO GET UNDER WAY--

BOO!

YOU'RE A BUM, PITILLIO!

YOU JERK!!

THE MATCH IS SCHEDULED FOR ONE FALL OR SUBMISSION, AND THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE HER *WEIGHT IN BEER!*

AND NOW TO *INTRODUCE* OUR CONTESTANTS...

IN THIS CORNER...
...WEIGHING ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN POUNDS...
...FROM PARTS UNKNOWN...
...VICKI VICTORY!!
"VIKKI VICTORY"?
WE SELL SIZZLE, NOT STEAK.
AND IN THIS CORNER, ALSO FROM PARTS UNKNOWN, AT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE POUNDS...
I LUV A.
...LEATHER-MASQUE!!

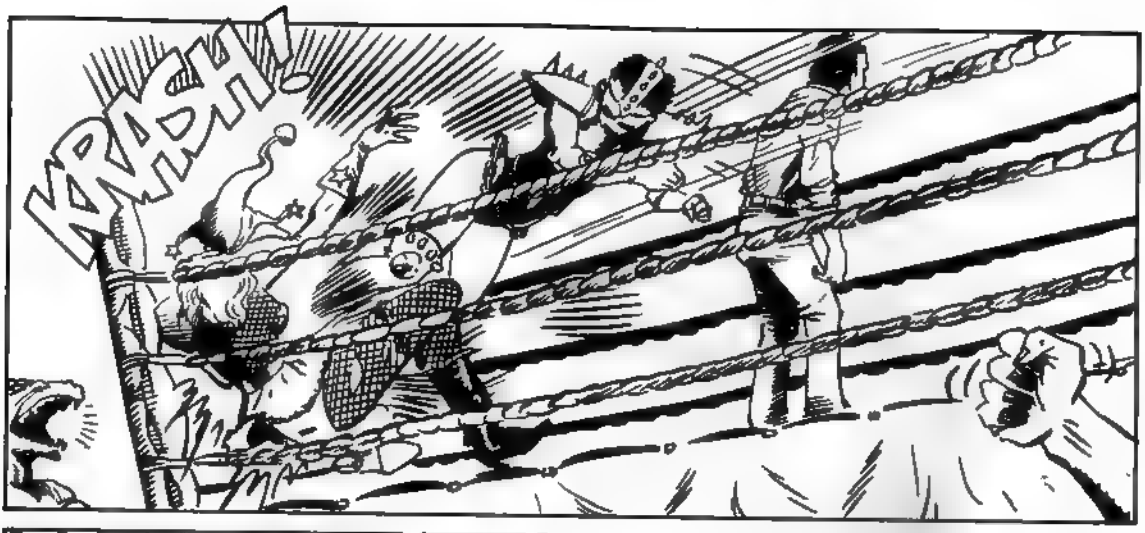
IS SHE FOR REAL?
GNAT?

WHERE DID HE GO?

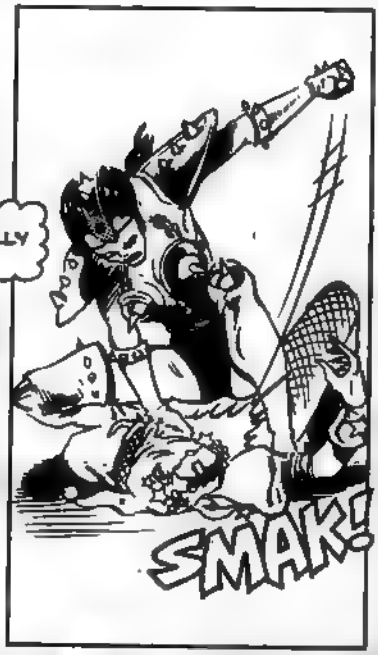
AND OUR REFEREE FOR TONIGHT'S BOUT...
...FORMER NATIONAL LEAGUE UMPIRE, DAVE BULLONE!

OFFICIAL
HONK!
RING!
REDLIGHT AUDITORIUM
OWWW! MY STEEL PLATE!!

SNARRRLLL...


KRASH!

WOW! THAT REALLY HURT!!


SMAK!

POW!

AH...I CAN TASTE THE BEER ALREADY!

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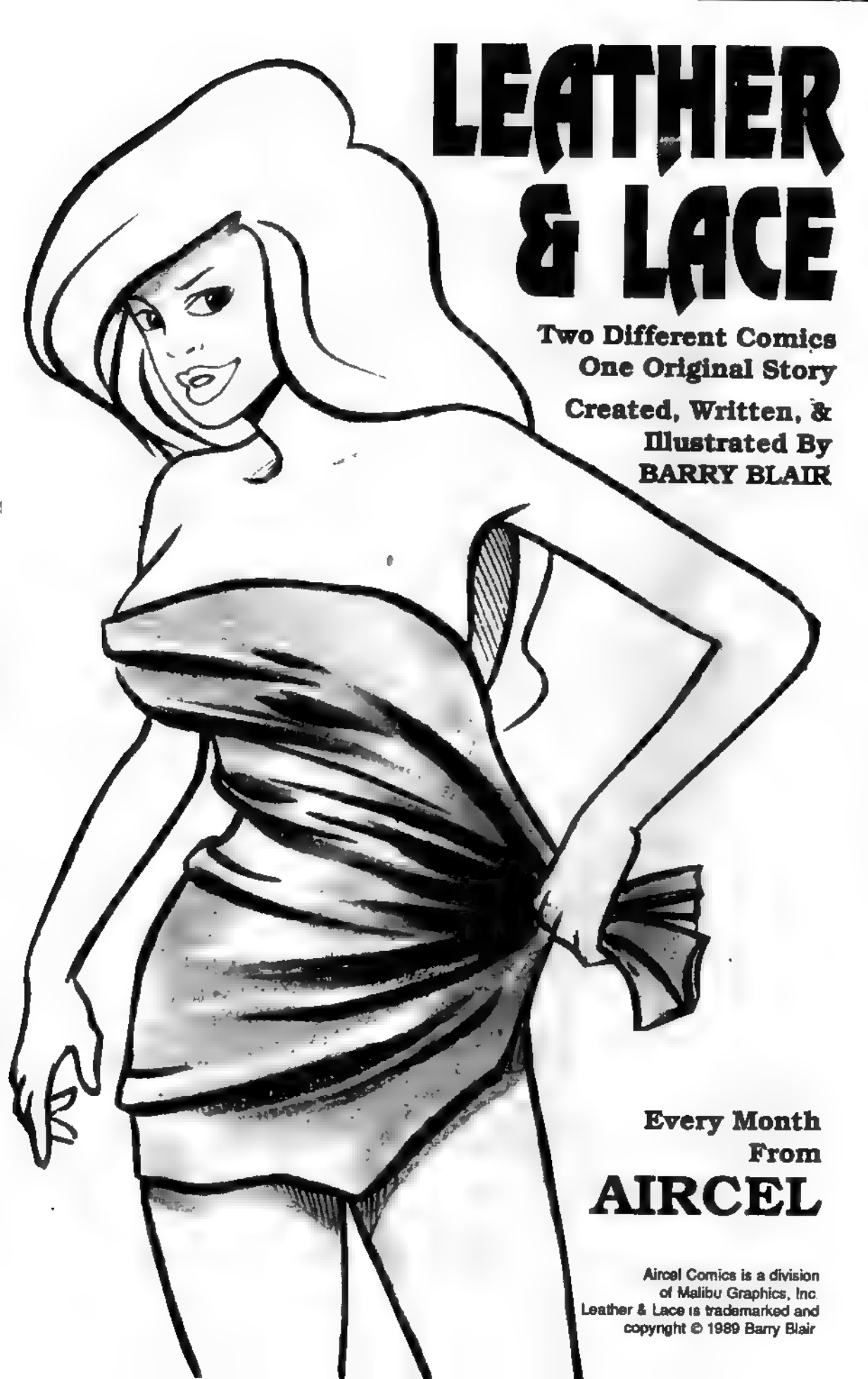
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AT THAT MOMENT, OUTSIDE THE AUDITORIUM...
OF ALL THE LOUSY LUCK--I TAIL VIKKI ALL THE WAY ACROSS TOWN, AND AT THE LAST MINUTE SHE GIVES ME THE SLIP!

AH HA!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING OUT OF OUR DATE SO EASY, GIRL...

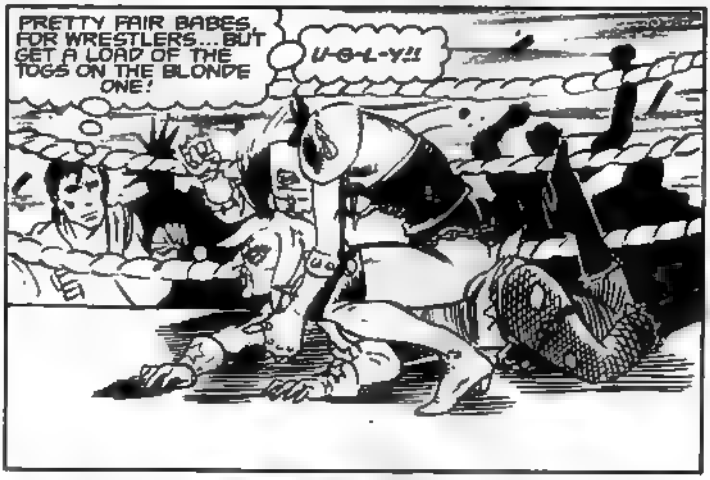
FINE BY ME, LOVER-BOY!

LEMME OUTTA HERE!
DON'T RUN, DOLL-FACE... I DON'T MIND IF YOU'RE UGLY!!

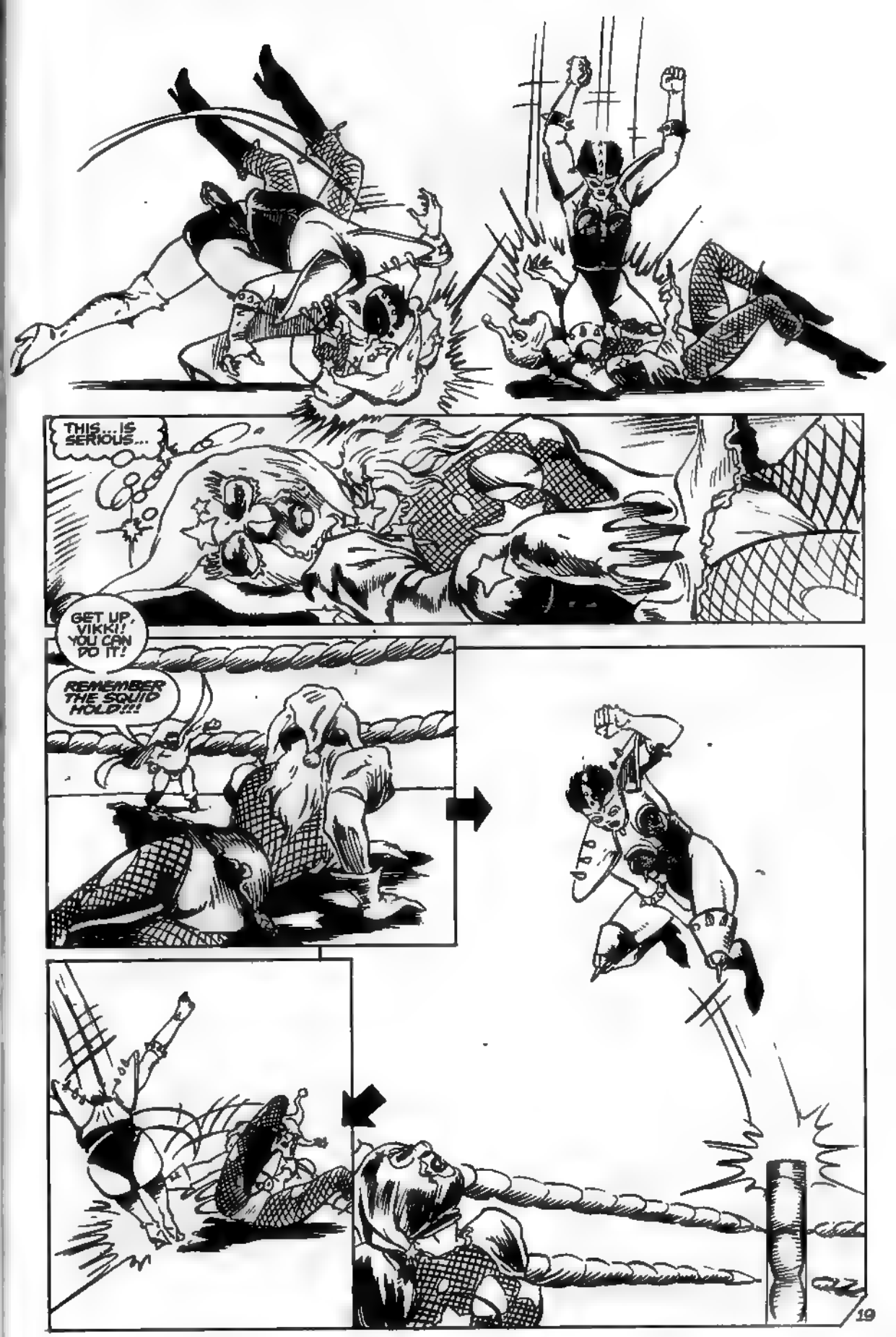
GOTTA GET AWAY... MAYBE I CAN LOSE HER IN HERE!

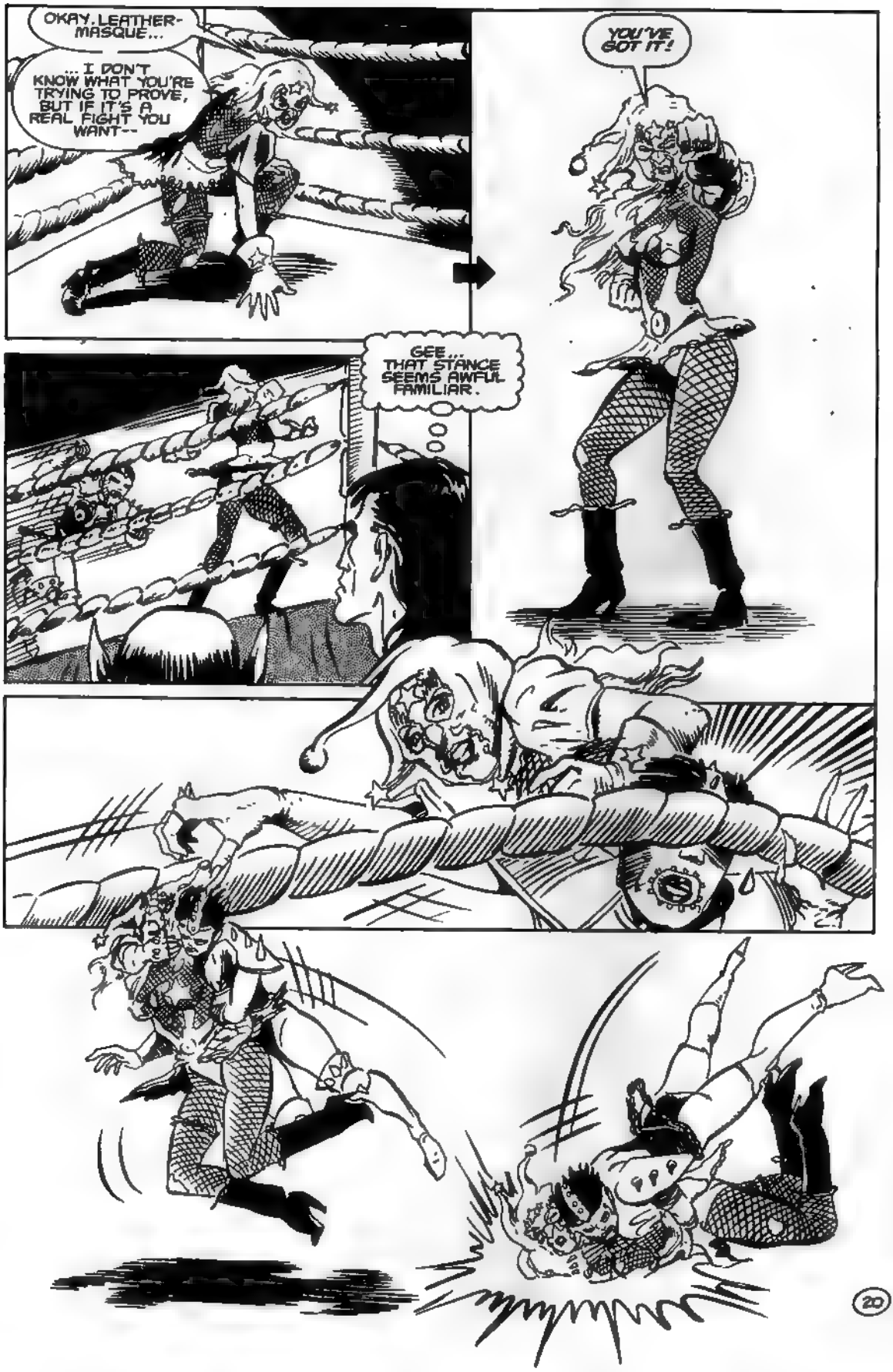
I THINK I LOST HER.
WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE?

ALL RIGHT! I LOVE WRESTLING!


PRETTY FAIR BABES, FOR WRESTLERS... BUT GET A LOAD OF THE TOGS ON THE BLONDE ONE!
U-G-L-Y!!

AREN'T YOU LAYING IT ON A LITTLE THICK...?


THIS...IS SERIOUS...
GET UP, VIKKI! YOU CAN DO IT!
REMEMBER THE SQUID HOLD!!!!


OKAY, LEATHER-MASQUE...
... I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO PROVE, BUT IF IT'S A REAL FIGHT YOU WANT--
YOU'VE GOT IT!
GEE... THAT STANCE SEEMS AWFUL FAMILIAR.

PIN HER! PIN THAT GAUDY BLONDE!
HANG IN THERE, VIKKI VICTORY!!
"VIKKI VICTORY"...?
HOW IS... LEATHER-MASQUE... DOING THIS TO ME?
IT'S LIKE... SHE KNOWS... MY EVERY MOVE!
BELUSHI!
VIKKI...?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!

OF ALL THE LOUSY, STINKING TRICKS...

POW
I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HUMILIATED IN ALL MY LIFE!

LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE A TASTE OF YOUR OWN MEDICINE!

WHAT?!?

ANGELA?!
SURPRISE!

ALLEZ-OOP!
ONE!
TWO!
THREE! IT'S A PIN!!
NOT ME, YOU IDIOT--HER!
THE WINNER...BY DECISION...
...LEATHER-MASQUE!

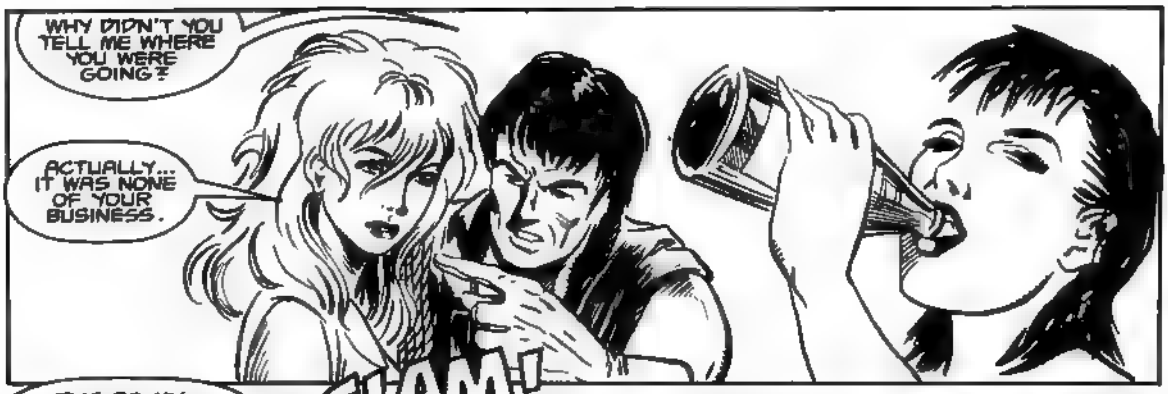
LATER IN THE LOCKER ROOM...
YOU REALLY DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS ME?
WELL...I SUSPECTED AS MUCH, BUT I WASN'T SURE UNTIL YOU WENT INTO YOUR AIKIDO POSE.

NO WONDER YOU GAVE ME SO MUCH TROUBLE. YOU'VE HAD ALMOST AS MUCH SAMORAN TRAINING AS ME.
BUT WHY WERE YOU EVEN WRESTLING IN THE FIRST PLACE?

WHEN THE GNAT OFFERED ME A CHANCE TO KICK SOME TAIL, AND WIN MY WEIGHT IN BEER IN THE BARGAIN...
...HOW COULD A GIRL REFUSE?

THAT FINK! HE SET ME UP! IT DIDN'T MATTER WHO WON--EITHER WAY, HE'D GET THE BEER!
FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, THE GNAT SAID VIKKI WAS SUPPOSED TO WIN. ANGELA WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE IT EASY AND THEN SURRENDER WHEN SHE FELT THE SQUID HOLD!

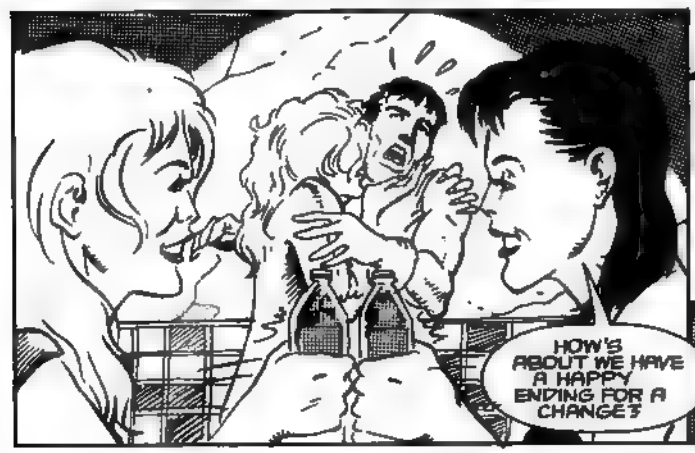
WELL... MAYBE. GUESS WE'LL NEVER KNOW.

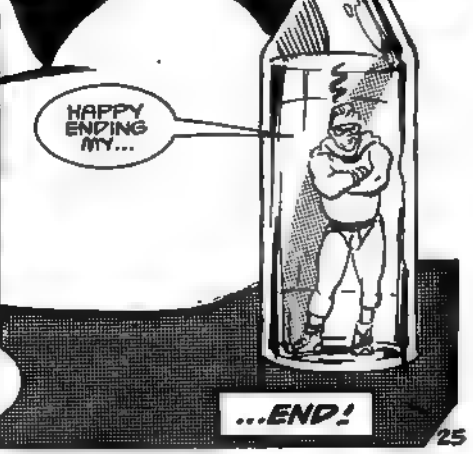

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME WHERE YOU WERE GOING?
ACTUALLY... IT WAS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

SLAM!
IT IS SO MY BUSINESS! I THINK YOU'VE BEEN TWO-TIMING ON ME!...

YOO-HOO...IS MY LOVER-BOY IN HERE?

NOW WHO'S TWO-TIMING WHO?
NO--YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!


HOW'S ABOUT WE HAVE A HAPPY ENDING FOR A CHANGE?


HAPPY ENDING MY...
...END!

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